

**Introduced by Senator Alpert**

January 23, 2003

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An act to amend Section 44259.1 of the Education Code, relating to teacher training.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 81, as amended, Alpert. Teacher training: educational studies major programs.

Existing law prescribes requirements for persons applying for teaching credentials, and establishes, under the administration of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, a system for the accreditation of educator preparation programs. Existing law requires the commission to encourage postsecondary institutions to offer integrated programs of professional preparation that, among other things, enable candidates for teaching credentials to engage in professional preparation, concurrently with subject matter preparation, while completing baccalaureate degrees.

~~This bill would provide that the integrated programs of professional preparation for candidates for teaching credentials who are completing baccalaureate degrees are carried out through educational studies major programs.~~

*This bill would, commencing the 2006-07 school year, prohibit an integrated program offered by the California State University from being comprised of less than 120, or more than 135, units. The bill would authorize the Chancellor of the California State University to provide an exemption from that maximum requirement for an integrated program upon a finding of special circumstances. The bill would require*

*that those programs be designed to concurrently lead to a preliminary multiple subject or single subject teaching credential, and a baccalaureate degree.*

*This bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University to develop a framework for integrated programs. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California State University and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop guidelines to ensure that students transferring from a community college into an integrated program have met the prerequisites for the integrated program, thus imposing a state-mandated local program. The bill would require each campus of the California State University to enter into an articulation agreement with the community college from which the campus receives the most transferring students, based on those guidelines.*

*The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement, including the creation of a State Mandates Claims Fund to pay the costs of mandates that do not exceed \$1,000,000 statewide and other procedures for claims whose statewide costs exceed \$1,000,000.*

*This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 44259.1 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 44259.1. (a) An integrated program of professional  
4 preparation shall enable candidates for teaching credentials to  
5 engage in professional preparation, concurrently with subject  
6 matter preparation, while completing baccalaureate degrees ~~in~~  
7 ~~educational studies~~ at regionally accredited postsecondary  
8 institutions. An integrated program shall provide opportunities for  
9 candidates to complete intensive field experiences in public  
10 elementary and secondary schools early in the undergraduate

sequence. The development and implementation of ~~the major in~~  
~~educational studies~~ *an integrated program* shall be based on  
intensive collaboration among subject matter departments and  
education units within postsecondary institutions, local public  
elementary and secondary school districts, and community college  
~~districts~~ *colleges*. The commission shall encourage postsecondary  
institutions to offer integrated programs of professional  
preparation. In approving integrated programs, the commission  
shall not compromise or reduce its standards of subject matter  
preparation pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section  
44310) or its standards of professional preparation pursuant to  
paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of Section 44259.

(b) (1) (A) *Commencing with the 2006-07 school year, an  
integrated program offered by the California State University may  
not be comprised of less than 120 nor more than 135 units.*

(B) *Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), an integrated program  
offered by the California State University may be comprised of  
more than 135 units upon a finding of special circumstances by the  
Chancellor of the California State University.*

(2) *Commencing with the 2006-07 school year, an integrated  
program offered by the California State University shall be  
designed to concurrently lead to a preliminary multiple subject or  
single subject teaching credential, and a baccalaureate degree.*

(3) *The Chancellor of the California State University, in  
consultation with California State University faculty members,  
shall develop a framework for an integrated program, to include  
pedagogical, subject matter, and general educational components  
within the overall integrated program.*

(c) (1) *The Chancellor of the California State University and  
the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall  
collaboratively develop guidelines ensuring that students  
transferring from a community college into an integrated program  
have met the prerequisites for the integrated program at the  
community college.*

(2) *Commencing with the 2006-07 school year, each campus of  
the California State University shall enter into an articulation  
agreement with the community college from which the campus  
receives the most transferring students. The articulation  
agreement shall be based on the guidelines described developed  
pursuant to paragraph (1).*

1 (d) A postbaccalaureate program of professional preparation  
2 shall enable candidates for teaching credentials to commence and  
3 complete professional preparation after they have completed  
4 baccalaureate degrees at regionally accredited institutions. The  
5 development and implementation of a postbaccalaureate program  
6 of professional preparation shall be based on intensive  
7 collaboration among the postsecondary institution and local public  
8 elementary and secondary school districts.

9 *SEC. 2. Notwithstanding Section 17610 of the Government*  
10 *Code, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that this*  
11 *act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local*  
12 *agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*  
13 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*  
14 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code. If the statewide cost of the*  
15 *claim for reimbursement does not exceed one million dollars*  
16 *(\$1,000,000), reimbursement shall be made from the State*  
17 *Mandates Claims Fund.*

